

**Camden Select Board
Minutes of Meeting
March 1, 2011**

PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Grove, Vice Chairperson Deborah Dodge, John French, Morgan Laidlaw, Martin Cates, Town Manager Roberta Smith, Town Attorney William Kelly and members of the public and press.

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1. Executive Session: Personnel matter 1 MRSA Section 405(6)A.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:55pm.

John French made a motion to adjourn executive session and to open the regular meeting. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

2. Public input on non-agenda items.

- a. Dorie Klein – resident of Ragged Mountain – would like to thank and acknowledge the Select Board in retrospect for their decision as a Select Board last October not to take any action on the Energy Committee's recommendation to raise \$50-\$75,000 for a feasibility study for windpower on Ragged Mountain. The Planning Board has begun the process of looking into windpower ordinances and with the help of the Town Attorney Camden has an existing 500 foot altitude building limit which means these towers could not have been built anyway. The Select Board made a wise decision and she wanted to thank them for their dedication and efforts on this issue and it is much appreciated.

Don White, chairman of the Gateway 1 Implementation Steering Committee, reported that the Maine Department of Transportation's Gateway 1 program has been suspended effective immediately. Although the state has come to the conclusion that Gateway 1 has been a very worthy effort, it does not correspond with the immediate priorities of this administration. Mr. White said details were still being discussed, but communities, such as Camden, that had already received and spent Gateway 1 start-up grants, were among the fortunate. Camden used those funds for an economic action plan designed to address issues of economic growth created for Camden by Development Concepts, a planning and development firm.

Mr. White was not sure how the suspension would affect Rockport, Lincolnville and other towns that were still in the planning process or had not yet received or used Gateway 1 funds. Camden's plan will be a model to other communities.

Mr. White stated he hoped the other 20 communities whose representatives comprised that committee will continue to work together on the planning issues that helped initiate the Gateway 1 process.

- b. Manager Smith announced that they hired a new Development Director, Brian Hodges. He will be the Deputy Commissioner for a few more days for Maine Department of Economic Development. Brian Hodges introduced himself and stated he has formed a network of people through his state employment and looks forward to this opportunity and meeting everyone in a few weeks when he starts working for the town on March 14th.
 - c. Board member John French asked that a meeting be scheduled with the Town of Rockport to continue the idea for the two towns to consolidate or share public safety functions. He asked the Town Manager to send a letter to Rockport to start the process.
3. **Approval of Board minutes from February 15, 2011.** *Martin Cates made a motion to approve the Select Board minutes from February 15, 2011 as written. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.*
4. **Approval of replacement of Camden Police Department Base Repeater on Ragged Mountain.** Police Chief Randy Gagne reported the Police Base repeater at the top of Ragged Mountain needs to be upgraded for narrow band transmission or replaced in the coming months in order to comply with recent FCC transmitting criteria. Given the age of the current radio, it is more cost-effective to replace the unit rather than modify it. In addition, there are some cost savings if we do it at the same time as the County work is being done on the mountain. The estimated cost of \$6,500 can be covered with funds in the current year Police operating budget.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the replacement of the Police Base Repeater on Ragged Mountain as recommended with funds from the Police budget. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.
5. **Consideration of the request of Megunticook Rowing to renew their Revocable License for the use of the Barrett's Cove property for a five year term.** Megunticook Rowing is requesting that their one-year Revocable License be renewed for a five year term. In the Board's packet was their 2010 Summary report along with their letter requesting a license renewal. Town Attorney recommended changing the wording paragraph 1(g) from gangway to existing wooden bridge.

Morgan Laidlaw made a motion to approve a five year renewal of the Revocable License with Megunticook Rowing with recommended changes by Town Attorney William Kelly. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.
6. **Award of the bid for the 2011 Shade Tree Planting Program.** The town received one bid for the 2011 shade tree planting program. The bid is from Hoboken Gardens at a cost per tree of \$320. Under this program property owners can purchase these trees by paying 1/3 of the cost. The Camden Garden Club and the Town each pay the other third.

Martin Cates made a motion to award the 2011 shade tree planting contract to Hoboken Gardens in the amount of \$320. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

- 7. Consideration of the designation of current Contingency Funds for the repair of the Opera House gutters, replacement of the deck at the Chamber building and the replacement of the boiler at the Public Safety Building.** Manager Smith reported during our capital improvement planning discussions we identified some immediate building maintenance items that need to be addressed. If they were postponed until the new fiscal year, the funding would increase the budget to a point above the Town's spending limitations. In the current year, however, there remains a balance in the Contingency Funds that could cover the above three items

John French made a motion to designate Contingency funds for use as follows: \$22,000 for the repair/replacement of the gutters on the south side of the Opera House; \$18,800 for a new boiler at the Public Safety Building; and up to \$12,000 towards a new deck at the Chamber building. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on 5-0-0 vote.

- 8. Consideration of the following applications for renewal victualer and lodging licenses:** Both licenses have been signed off by the Codes Office and Fire Department.
- a. **James & Cynthia Ostrowski, Inc., d/b/a The Elms B & B at 82 Elm Street**
 - b. **Shanahan Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Hawthorn Inn at 9 High Street**

John French made a motion to approve the renewal victualer and lodging licenses as listed above. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

9. There were no Committee Reports

10. Manager's Report

- a. The FY 12 Budget proposals are ready. Budget Meetings will take place each Thursday evening in the WSCR through the month of March.
- b. The state is still talking about finishing the Bog Bridge Boat Ramp. They are hoping to finish the improvements on the Goodwin property in June and finish the bridge work in the fall.
- c. It looks as though the paving of Route 1 is going to be funded. They reduced the scope of the work to be done and the bids did come in higher than expected however they have found the funding to do the project and weather permitting will start mid-April.

John French made a motion to close as Select Board and reconvene as Wastewater Commissioners. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

- 1. Approval of renewal applications for Master Drainlayers for 2011.** The Board considered renewal applications for Master Drainlayers for 2011. Manager Smith reported all applications have been reviewed and approved by the Wastewater Superintendent.

John French made a motion to approve the renewal applications for Master Drainlayers for 2011. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

2. Approval of the lease financing for the Wastewater Department High Pressure Sewer Cleaner with Gorham Leasing.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the lease financing in the amount of \$66,732.88 with Gorham Leasing for the new jetter sewer equipment for the Wastewater Department. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0- vote.

John French made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Esancy
Recording Secretary